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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Randolf Von Oepen

Serial No.: New – Continuation of 09/720,873

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For: STENT CATHETER SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application (English translation) as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page six (6) of this paper. Claims 1-3 and 8-20 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page nine (9) of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page ten (10) of this paper.